



African Pygmy Hedgehog UK Rescue Foster Application Form

The African Pygmy Hedgehog UK Rescue (APH UK Rescue) is a non-profit organisation working towards charity status, dedicated to improving the care and quality of African Pygmy Hedgehogs by means of rescue, education, research and exhibition. APH UK Rescue membership is encouraged for people who foster rescued hedgehogs. By becoming a part of our group, you will help support many projects underway to help hedgehogs. Group membership benefits include the latest news form our rescues, help and support for you and your rescue as well as wealth of experienced from seasoned carers and breeders based around hedgehog care.

Name

Age

Address (Street, Number)

(City, Town)

(County)

(Post Code)

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Mobile)

E-mail address

Please provide the following information as fully as possible. Not having experience in a particular area is not an automatic disqualification. This data will aid the APH UK Rescue in mentoring potential adoptees and assuring the best possible care for the hedgehogs.

How many years' experience do you have handling and caring for hedgehogs?

Do you have experience involving "special needs" for hedgehogs?

Yes No

If so, please indicate in what areas this experience falls:

- Pregnancy and/or new-born care
- Terminally ill, cancer, WHS, congestive heart failure
- Amputee
- Elderly care
- Special dietary issues
- Vision problems (blindness, cataracts)
- Prior abuse or neglect issues



Please give a brief description of your habitat plan. Included should be size, bedding, food and water access, wheels and other toys/stimulation, location within your own dwelling, lighting (natural and artificial), and temperature. Please use additional pages if necessary. Please give a brief description of your diet plan, including snacks and/or treats to be offered. Please use additional pages if necessary.

Should you become ill or called away from home (work travel, vacation, etc.), what is your care plan for a hedgehog? Please use additional pages if necessary.

Veterinarian - Please provide the following information for the veterinarian you plan to use in the care and treatment of your hedgehogs.

Veterinarian name

Animal Hospital or Clinic name

Address (Street, Number)

(City, Town)

(County)

(Post Code)

E-mail address

Clinic telephone (include area code)

Clinic or Veterinarian E-mail

Personal - Please provide a contact person who can speak for you as to your abilities and commitment to the care of adopted animals. Include a time most convenient for those persons to be contacted. It is preferred you seek permission from these persons as APH UK Rescue may make contact.

Reference Name

Address (Street, Number)

(City, Town)

(County)

(Post Code)

E-mail address

Telephone (include area code)



Terms and Conditions

1. The foster care hogs entrusted in your care shall remain the property of APH UK Rescue and they shall be surrendered back to the Rescue if it is deemed that you are no longer able to provide care.
2. The foster care hogs entrusted in your care will not knowingly be used for breeding.
3. All females shall be deemed as pregnant and kept under observation in your care for a minimum of 50 days.
4. In the event of accidental breeding prior to you fostering, you will abide by the advice and mentoring from members of the Rescue, Breeders and Mentors we put you in contact with, this is to assure quality of life and health of mothers-to-be, new mothers, and offspring.
5. No offspring from such breeding occurrences will be sold for profit but, with aid of the Rescue, will be placed in foster homes should you yourself not be able to maintain care and habitat for them.
6. The responsible for the animal's wellbeing, feeding, cleaning is your responsibility and you must inform the Rescue immediately if you are concerned for the animal's health in anyway.
7. You will need to get approval from the Rescue for any vets visits (unless in an emergency) and that copies of receipts must be provided before reimbursement.
8. You will need to provide the Rescue with a health check list on the hedgehog once you have taken charge of him/her and again prior to rehoming, and that this paperwork will be sent to the rescue once completed.
9. All foster care hogs must be weaned off their poor diet within a specified time scale, advice will be given from the Rescue, Breeders and Mentors we put you in contact with.
10. All hogs should be deemed fit for moving to their forever home by a suitably qualified vet and that the hog should be free from any medical or dietary issues before being given the all clear to go to its forever home.
11. No Foster care hogs shall be put on a diet without agreement from the Rescue.

You will be required to provide a weekly updates with pictures to confirm weight, diet and other health issues. This is to provide ongoing support and form the basis of a care package to be handed over to the new owner when the hog is rehomed; this is usually by updating the group foster hog album. Due to the background that some of the hogs come from they may have underlying illnesses that are not immediately evident, whilst this is not always the case we advise that, as a precaution, care should be taken when handling the hog and cleaning their housing. Please do not share bedding blankets, playpen, toys or cleaning equipment with any other animal that you have and always wash hands/clothes etc. after handling. As fungal infections like Ring Worm for example, are not only contagious to other animals but also humans. The Rescue cannot be held responsible or liable for any treatment other than that given to the foster hog. Please ensure that you have seriously taken everything in to consideration before you agree foster a rescue hog. Most of these hogs have not had a good start in life and need to find there forever home with someone that has not only the time but also the patience. As some of them may be huffy and need time to adjust. Over the fostering period you will receive support from the Rescue, Breeders and Mentors to help you through this process.

Accept the Terms and Conditions

I agree



Applicant Signature:

Date

Applicant's Guardian: (If under the age of 18)

Date

Please E-mail the form back to the Rescue at

fosters@aphukrescue.org.uk

If you have any questions or concerns please visit us at APH UK Rescue or E-mail us at

info@aphukrescue.org.uk

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